

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$25,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this Act.

Sum authorized.

SEC. 3. The land acquired under section 1 of this Act shall be under the jurisdiction and control of the Secretary of War, and there is authorized to be appropriated for the maintenance of such monument and its site a sum not to exceed \$250 per annum.

Jurisdiction and maintenance of land acquired.

Approved, March 4, 1931.

CHAP. 505.—An Act To authorize a change in the design of the quarter dollar to commemorate the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

March 4, 1931.

[S. 6103.]

[Public, No. 852.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions and limitations of section 3510 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed, for the purpose of commemorating the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington, to change the design of the twenty-five-cent piece so that the portrait of George Washington shall appear on the obverse, with appropriate devices on the reverse, of said piece. The new coins shall be issued for general circulation beginning in 1932, the year of the said bicentennial anniversary.

Quarter dollar.
Change in design authorized to commemorate birth anniversary of George Washington.
R. S., sec. 3510, p. 696, waived.
U. S. C., p. 993.

Issue of new coin.

Approved, March 4, 1931.

CHAP. 506.—An Act To amend sections 17 and 27 of the General Leasing Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437; U. S. C., title 30, secs. 184 and 226), as amended.

March 4, 1931.

[S. 6123.]

[Public, No. 853.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 17 and 27 of the Act entitled "An Act to promote the mining of coal, phosphate, oil, oil shale, gas, and sodium on the public domain," approved February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437; U. S. C., title 30, secs. 184 and 226), as amended, are amended and reenacted to read as follows:

General Leasing Act, amendments.
Vol. 41, p. 437, amended.
U. S. C., pp. 965, 969.
Ante, p. 1007.

"SEC. 17. That all unappropriated deposits of oil or gas situated within the known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field and the unentered lands containing the same, not subject to preferential lease, may be leased by the Secretary of the Interior to the highest responsible bidder by competitive bidding under general regulations to qualified applicants in units reasonably compact of not exceeding six hundred and forty acres, such leases to be conditioned upon the payment by the lessee of such bonus as may be accepted and of such royalty as may be fixed in the lease, which shall not be less than 12½ per centum in amount or value of the production, and the payment in advance of a rental of not less than \$1 per acre per annum thereafter during the continuance of the lease, the rental paid for any one year to be credited against the royalties as they accrue for that year.

Leasing of unappropriated deposits in known producing fields.

Competitive bidding.

Area limited.

Payment of bonus, etc.

"Leases shall be for a period of twenty years with the preferential right in the lessee to renew the same for successive periods of ten years upon such reasonable terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the department having jurisdiction thereof, unless otherwise provided by law at the time of the expiration of such periods: *Provided*, That any lease heretofore or hereafter issued under this Act that has become the subject of a cooperative or unit plan of development or operation of

Period of leases; renewals.

Provided.
Additional, if development under cooperative plan.